

December 14, 2009

Notice of the 2010 Assessment Rate for the California Citrus Nursery Research and Education Program

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The California Citrus Nursery Board has recommended and the Department of Food and Agriculture has approved an assessment rate of <u>one percent (1%) of the invoiced sales price of all citrus trees, propagated and marketed by any citrus nursery</u> for the California Citrus Nursery Program's 2010 fiscal year (January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010). This is the same assessment rate that was in place last season.

Under the provisions of the Program, royalties, delivery charges, and rootstocks are not assessable, and assessments on citrus trees are only collected once, when a tree is first marketed by a citrus nursery. Funds generated from this assessment will be used to finance research and education projects selected by the Board.

As is customary, assessment report forms will be sent to all citrus nurseries with detailed instructions for reporting and submitting payments.

If you have any questions regarding the assessment rate or California Citrus Nursery Research and Education Program, please contact Jim Melban, Manager of the California Citrus Nursery Board, at (559) 591-9005 or Joe Monson with the CDFA Marketing Branch at (916) 341-6005.

Sincerely,

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